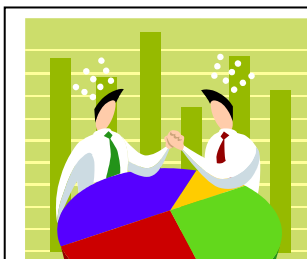


LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for December 2006

Released February 2007



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

December 2006 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted) State Release Date: 01/29/07 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages			
	12/06	11/06	12/05
U.S.	4.3	4.3	4.6
INDIANA	4.7	4.5	5.3
FORT WAYNE MSA	4.6	4.5	5.0
EGR 3	5.0	4.9	5.5
COUNTY:			
Adams	4.0	3.9	4.6
Allen	4.7	4.6	5.0
DeKalb	5.7	5.7	6.2
Grant	6.4	6.1	7.3
Huntington	4.7	4.8	5.4
LaGrange	5.6	5.3	5.2
Noble	5.9	5.8	6.2
Steuben	6.0	5.8	6.3
Wabash	5.2	5.1	5.9
Wells	4.1	3.6	4.6
Whitley	4.3	4.2	4.9
CITY:			
Angola	5.9	6.3	6.5
Auburn	6.0	5.6	6.5
Bluffton	5.0	4.6	4.5
Columbia City	4.9	4.8	5.3
Decatur	5.4	5.3	6.0
Fort Wayne	5.0	4.8	5.4
Huntington	5.5	5.5	6.4
Indianapolis(Cons)	4.6	4.5	5.3
Kendallville	6.8	6.2	6.8
Marion	7.3	7.1	8.2
Wabash City	6.3	5.8	7.1
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.1	4.0	4.7
Gary	4.9	4.6	5.5
Evansville	4.5	4.2	4.9

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – December 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette (7.9%)
4	Grant
9	Steuben
12	Noble
16	DeKalb
21	LaGrange
35	Wabash
47	Allen
50	Huntington
65	Whitley
75	Wells
76	Adams
92	Hamilton(2.7%)

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT December 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	3.9%
Kentucky	4.9%
Michigan	6.9%
Ohio	5.4%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in December. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, 17 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 15 states registered rate increases, and 18 states had no change. In December the Midwest again registered the highest unemployment rate among the four regions, 5.0 percent. Mississippi reported the highest unemployment rate in December, 7.5 percent. Hawaii and Utah again recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 2.0 and 2.6 percent, respectively. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 38 states, up in 8 states, and unchanged in 4 states.

Effective with the release of 2006 annual average estimates on February 27, the labor force data for regions, divisions, states, and the modeled substate areas will be revised back to 2002 to incorporate updated population controls, re-estimation of models, adjustment to new division and national control totals, and revised seasonal adjustment factors.

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.

FORT WAYNE MSA



WAGE AND SALARIED

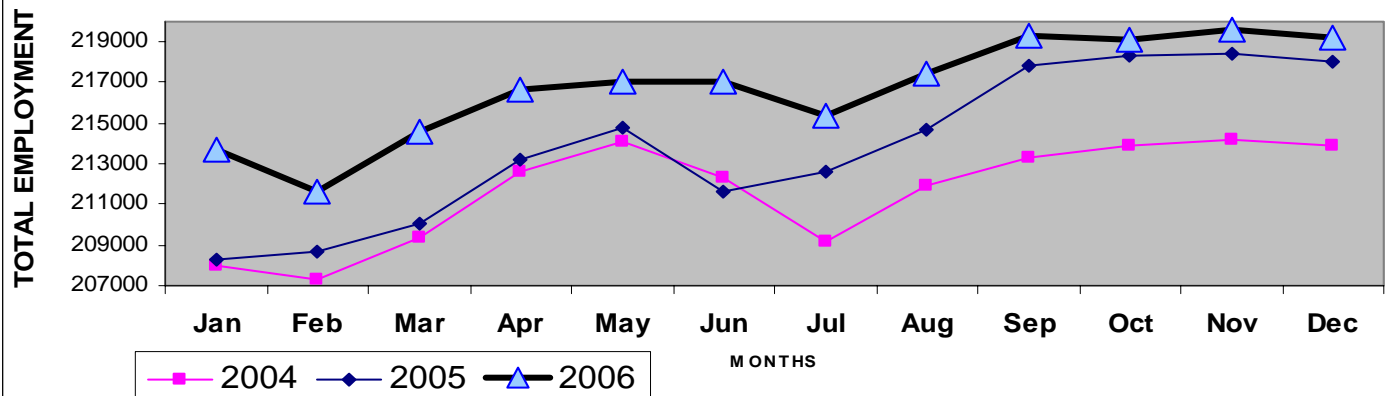
	Fort Wayne MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	DECEMBER 2006	NOVEMBER 2006	DECEMBER 2005	NOV. 2006 TO DEC. 2006		DEC. 2005 TO DEC. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	219,200	219,600	218,000	-400	-0.2%	+1,200	+0.6%
Total Private	196,300	196,700	194,700	-400	-0.2%	+1,600	+0.8%
Goods Producing	49,100	49,500	48,600	-400	-0.8%	+500	+1.0%
Service-Providing	170,100	170,100	169,400	+0	+0.0%	+700	+0.4%
Private Srvc Provide	147,200	147,200	146,100	+0	+0.0%	+1,100	+0.8%
Nat. Res & Construction	12,100	12,500	11,500	-400	-3.2%	+600	+5.2%
Manufacturing	37,000	37,000	37,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-0.3%
Durable Goods	27,900	28,000	28,600	-100	-0.4%	-700	-2.4%
Computer and Electronic	4,200	4,200	4,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Transportation Equipment	6,500	6,500	6,300	+0	+0.0%	+200	+3.2%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	48,300	48,000	47,900	+300	+0.6%	+400	+0.8%
Wholesale Trade	13,200	13,200	13,000	+0	+0.0%	+200	+1.5%
Retail Trade	24,300	23,900	24,100	+400	+1.7%	+200	+0.8%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,800	10,900	10,800	-100	-0.9%	+0	+0.0%
Information	3,600	3,600	3,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	11,800	11,800	11,900	+0	+0.0%	-100	-0.8%
Professional and Business	21,200	21,500	21,300	-300	-1.4%	-100	-0.5%
Educational and Health	34,200	34,100	33,600	+100	+0.3%	+600	+1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	19,900	20,000	19,700	-100	-0.5%	+200	+1.0%
Food Services and Drinking	16,500	16,700	16,600	-200	-1.2%	-100	-0.6%
Other Services	8,200	8,200	8,100	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.2%
Government	22,900	22,900	23,300	+0	+0.0%	-400	-1.7%
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,300	+0	+0.0%	-100	-4.3%
State Government	4,400	4,600	4,500	-200	-4.3%	-100	-2.2%
Local Government	16,300	16,100	16,500	+200	+1.2%	-200	-1.2%
Local Govt Education	10,000	9,700	9,700	+300	+3.1%	+300	+3.1%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

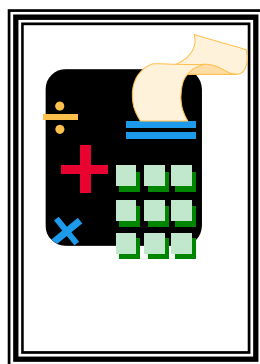
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 2006	NOV 2006	DEC 2005	DEC 2006	NOV 2006	DEC 2005	DEC 2006	NOV 2006	DEC 2005
Manufacturing	\$749.08	\$745.92	\$744.41	41.5	42.0	42.2	\$18.05	\$17.76	\$17.64
Retail Trade	\$336.82	\$335.52	\$315.65	30.1	30.2	29.5	\$11.19	\$11.11	\$10.70

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF TOTAL CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

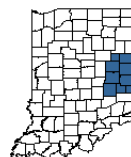


LOCAL OFFICE	December 2006	November 2006	Previous Month % Change	December 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	8,536	6,279	35.9%	8,089	5.5%
Auburn	12,937	10,061	28.6%	12,729	1.6%
Connersville	3,176	2,823	12.5%	3,157	0.6%
Fort Wayne	19,839	16,747	18.5%	16,952	17.0%
Marion	6,801	5,620	21.0%	6,302	7.9%
Muncie	10,350	8,511	21.6%	12,318	-16.0%
Richmond	4,068	3,214	26.6%	4,288	-5.1%
INDIANA	298,213	241,826	23.3%	286,068	4.2%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date 2/2/2007

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	8,695
Production Laborers	7,105
All Other Machine Operators	4,688
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	4,221
Hand Packers & Packagers	3,402
All Other Hand Workers	3,057
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	2,839
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	2,422
General Office Clerks	2,242
Cashiers, General	2,151
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,949
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,807
Production Helpers	1,711
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,693
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,679
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,595
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,574
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,553
Other Hand Material Mover	1,536
Machine Assemblers	1,505



Economic Growth Region 3

Employment & Wages 2nd Quarter 2006

County	Avg. Emp.	Avg. Wkly. Wages
All Industry		
Adams	14,320	\$550
Allen	181,020	\$681
Dekalb	20,810	\$676
Grant	25,820	\$605
Huntington	15,170	\$563
LaGrange	12,890	\$694
Noble	19,360	\$583
Steuben	14,770	\$513
Wabash	13,430	\$554
Wells	11,010	\$580
Whitley	11,920	\$587
Manufacturing		
Adams		\$730
Allen		\$943
Dekalb		\$847
Grant		\$1,068
Huntington		\$737
LaGrange		\$917
Noble		\$719
Steuben		\$649
Wabash		\$725
Wells		\$922
Whitley		\$726

Note: All establishments are included in these figures except railroads, small nonprofit institutions, churches and federal government civilian employees. Average weekly earnings are computed from the quarterly earnings and average employment for each establishment. Employment and Earnings data are rounded to the nearest ten (10). Average weekly earnings are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW).

Wage Demand Information-Economic Growth Region 3 as of 02-02-07

Total Applicants	Avg. Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand
23,941	\$25,315	\$20,800

Wage Demand provides average and median wages required by job applicants. It also provides the number of applicants in the Indiana Workforce Development's [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov).



REGION 3 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in east central Indiana received during December 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Production Laborers	\$8.00	\$10.29	\$14.46
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Operators	8.00	12.35	14.46
Hand Packers & Packagers	9.50	9.75	10.00
Production Helpers	7.00	8.50	9.00
Drilling and Boring Machine Tool Setters/Setup	12.00	12.00	12.00
All Other Hand Workers	7.00	8.00	9.00
Welders, Production	9.00	10.80	18.00
All Other Machine Operators	11.00	13.14	15.66
Plastic Molding & Casting Machine Operators	14.00	14.83	15.66
Precision Painters	16.00	16.00	16.00
Administrative Assistants	8.76	12.12	16.35
General Office Clerks	6.00	7.75	8.76
Model Makers, Metal and Plastic	14.00	14.00	14.00
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	8.75	8.86	9.00
Maintenance Repairers: General Utility	7.21	11.78	15.00
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	10.40	12.28	14.00
Route Drivers	13.00	21.50	30.00



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Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

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Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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